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SUBJECT: SHOW CAUSE LETTER – TETRA TECH EC, INC.

Dear Mr. Gross:

As the Suspending and Debarring Official (SDO) for the Department of the Navy (DON), I am authorized to take administrative action, including suspension and debarment, against Federal Government contractors who are not presently responsible. My authority extends to any individual or legal entity that conducts business with the Federal Government, either as a contractor or subcontractor. In order to address concerns regarding present responsibility, I may suspend or debar individuals and legal entities from Government contracting opportunities pursuant to the process outlined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 9.4.

As you know, on October 11, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a Confirmatory Order *In the Matter of Tetra Tech EC, Inc.*, docket number 03038199, which concluded Tetra Tech EC, Inc. ("Tetra Tech") employees deliberately falsified soil sample surveys taken at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) California by completing chain of custody forms with inaccurate information and by taking soil samples from areas not designated as part of the sample area. The NRC order was published in the Federal Register on October 24, 2016.¹

The integrity of the Government's acquisition, contracting and commercial systems requires protection from companies that scheme to avoid proper performance of Government contracts, particularly in regard to the cleanup and remediation of DON installations. Based on the seriousness of the allegations contained in the Confirmatory Order, I am concerned that Tetra Tech may not be presently responsible. Although I recognize that Tetra Tech is the subject of an Order with the NRC, the Order does not itself mitigate my concerns regarding the lack of existing internal controls at Tetra Tech.

This letter is provided as an opportunity for you to address the above concerns and to provide any additional information you feel is relevant to show that Tetra Tech is presently responsible. Issues you may want to specifically address include what new or revised internal controls or procedures, and remedial measures Tetra Tech has implemented so as to ensure contracts it has are properly performed. Additionally I am concerned that Tetra Tech has not

¹ 81 Fed. Reg. 73144, Oct 24, 2016

brought this well publicized action to the attention of my office, consistent with Federal Acquisition Regulation contractor disclosure requirements.

Please submit written materials in response to this letter within thirty days. Electronic submission by email is encouraged, provided that you confirm receipt. Questions and materials should be addressed to Wayne Wisniewski, Acquisition Integrity Office, 720 Kennon Street SE, Bldg. 36, Rm. 214, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5012; Email: wayne.wisniewski@navy.mil; Phone: 202-685-5439.



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